of the Institute of Engineers (India) held recently at Mangalore has urged the Central Government to order an immediate review and reconsider the future of the Tehri Dam Project in Uttar Pradesh keeping in view the conflicting opinions expressed by different Expert Committees;

(b) whether Government propose to make the environmental impact appraisal mandatory in respect of all on-going/likely major developmental projects in the country; if so, the steps proposed to be taken and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have looked into the causes of catastrophic failures and if so, the preventive measures being taken for safety of holy places like Devprayag, Rishikesh Hardwar, etc. and other towns/villages in the Gangetic belt?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Seventh National convention of the Institution of Engineers India held on October, 1991 at Mangalore resolved that a review of Tehri Dam Project be ordered.

(b) All major development projects in the public sector already require environmental clearance.

(c) The Gangetic belt in general and the *Himalayan region in particular* is prone to seismicity where earthquakes of high magnitude have occurred. However, location and time of occruance of an earthquake is not possible to be predicted with the present techniques and knowhow available so as to enable advance preventive action to be taken at the holy places or other cities.

Illegal tree felling and poaching in Madhya Pradesh

1150. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Madhya Pradesh Government has decided to give awards to some forest officials who had shown extra courage in preventing illegal felling of trees and poaching in the State ;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have any plans to give similar award to the officials of the State;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to introduce any scheme for rewarding the onest forest officials in the country; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Madhya Pradesh Government has been giving gallantry awards to the forest officials who have shown extra courage in preventing illegal tree felling and poaching of wild animals.

(b) and (c) Frest officials are also considered for civilian gallantry awards instituted by the Government of India on the recommendations of the State Governments.

(d) and (e) The proposal is under consideration.

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1151. **चौधरी हरि सिंह** : क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि बुलन्दशहर, उत्तर प्रदेश स्थित आई. एम. सी. एल. कारखाने के बाहर जमा जल, वायु में रासायनिक दुर्गन्ध फैला रहा है, जिसका आस-पास के दर्जनों गांवों के वृक्षों मनुष्यों तथा पशुओं पर अत्यन्त बुरा प्रभाव पड़ रहा है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि उपर्युक्त कारखाने ने पर्यावरण संबंधी नियमों तथा विनियमों का उल्लंघन किया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने उपरोक्त कारखाने के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) जल (प्रदूषण निवारण और नियंत्रण) अधिनियम, 1974 के तहत इकाई को सहमति देने से मना कर दिया गया है। इकाई को निर्धारित समय के भीतर मानकों का पालन करने को कहा गया है। बहिस्राव शोधन सम्बन्धी उपयुक्त सुविधाओं को लगाने की कार्रवाई शुरू कर दी गई है।